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Application Number	10/797,236
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims 17 - 20 = 0 **Extra Claims** 0 **Fee (\$)** 0 **Fee Paid (\$)** 0
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20
Indep. Claims 3 - 3 = 0 **Extra Claims** 0 **Fee (\$)** 0 **Fee Paid (\$)** 0
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Application No.: 10/797,236
Applicant: Michel DELZENNE
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Title: Plasma cutting torch electrode with an Hf/Zr insert
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 6, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.